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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1656

For: SUBSTRATES SPECIFIC TO VON  
WILLEBRAND FACTOR CLEAVING  
PROTEASE AND METHOD OF ASSAYING  
THE ACTIVITY

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Examiner: A. D. Kim

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2009, the period for reply having been extended two (2) months to June 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.